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Subject: Exception to Policy of Paragraph 15a of the Highway and Traffic Regulations of Germany

1. Reference:

- a. attached basic letter from District Office of Rheinland-Pfalz dated 30 June 1997.
- b. attached letter of extension from District Office of Rheinland-Pfalz dated 19 December 2002.
- b. USAREUR Regulation 55-1, United States Army Motor Vehicle Operations on Public Roads, 29 Jan 85, with changes 1-4.

2. The following is an English translation of the basic Exception to Policy for towing of disabled U.S. Military vehicles on Autobahns within the Federal Republic of Germany. This Exception to Policy supercedes guidance in reference b.

TRANSLATION

Exception to Policy from paragraph 15a of the Highway and Traffic Regulations

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

We herewith grant you, according paragraph 46, section 2 of the Highway and Traffic Regulations the following

Exception to Policy:

Contrary to the regulation established in paragraph 15a of the Highway and Traffic Regulations you are allowed to tow **disabled** military vehicles on the Federal Autobahns to the next capable repair facility (military installation).

The following requirements and conditions apply to military vehicles which become disabled while travelling on the autobahn:

1. The towing of a disabled vehicle on the Autobahn passed the next available Autobahn Exit may only be performed when the next capable or authorized repair facility for that type of vehicle is beyond the next available exit (Ausfahrt).
2. This Exception to Policy may only be used when a commensurate level of Insurance Liability is posted or accepted.
3. It is mandatory to use a **solid towbar**.
4. The remainder of the regulations contained in the Highway and Traffic Regulations are not effected by this exception.
5. This Exception to Policy, the original or a certified copy, must be in possession of towing vehicle personnel and provided to authorities upon request.
6. When towing in progress, the towing vehicle must be equipped with yellow rotating lights.
7. This extension of the Exception to Policy is valid throughout the entire Federal Republic of Germany until 30 June 2006.

Original Signed

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